

Heb. 10:38 "Now the just shall live by faith; but if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him." 39 But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul. (NKJV)

Hebrews 11.1 Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

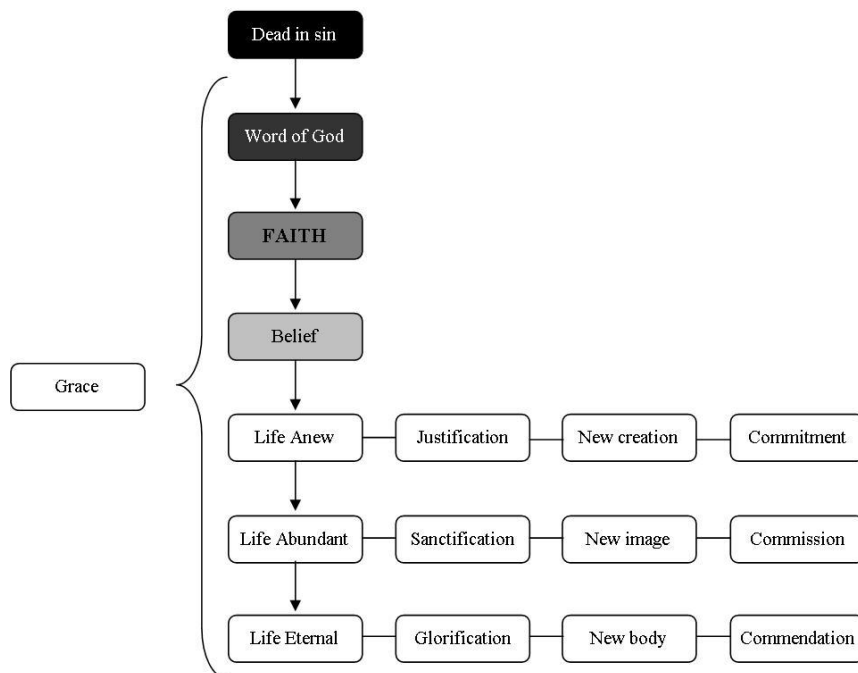
ESV: assurance and conviction

HCSB: reality and proof

NLT: confidence and assurance

Amplified: FAITH is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things we hope for, being the proof of things we do not see and the conviction of their reality – faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses.

Plan of Redemption



FAITH FACTOR PART 4

VARIOUS SCRIPTURES

1. Faith is that which allows us to see things that are otherwise invisible.
2. Faith is not blind – it makes sight possible.
3. Walking by faith is not simply existing in the darkness, but living in the light of the revelation of God through His word – both the living Word of Christ and the written word of the Bible.
4. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.
5. Faith is the gift of God.
6. Evidence of faith:
 - worship that is authentic
 - works of obedience to God's will
 - an active witness to the glory of God
 - a worthiness for the kingdom – the righteousness gift of God.
7. Walking by faith means that we live in daily expectation that God may at any time use us to carry out His work of grace in the lives of those with whom we come into contact.
8. God works as we walk by faith.

Heb. 12.1 ...run with endurance the race that lies before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus, the source (author) and perfecter (finisher) of our faith who for the joy that lay before Him endured a cross and despised the shame and has sat down at the right hand of God's throne. (Heb. 12.1b-2, HCSB)

Rom. 1:15 So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew

first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it (the Gospel) the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith." (ESV) (*See also Gal. 3.11 and Heb. 10.38*)

1 Thess. 1:5 ...our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. (ESV)

Gen. 1:2 The earth was without form and an empty waste, and darkness was upon the face of the very great deep. The Spirit of God was moving (hovering, brooding) over the face of the waters. 3 And God said, Let there be light; and there was light. (Amp)

Rom. 12:3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. (ESV)

Amp: "...the degree of faith apportioned by God..."

NAS: "God has allotted to each a measure of faith."

NLT: "...the faith God has given us."

9. Sanctifying faith – the faith by which we live the Christian life – is given to us by God. It does not arise within us by nature. And so it is with saving faith.

1 Tim. 1:12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry, 13 although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. 14 And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. (NKJV)

Rom. 5:6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. (NKJV)

1 Cor. 7:25 ...I give judgment as one whom the Lord in His mercy has made trustworthy. (NKJV) (*Same word translated "faithful" in 1 Tim. 1.12*)

10. Justification or salvation is a gift of God – the product of His grace – not based on works or merit, but freely bestowed.

Romans 4.9b-16

9 We say that faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness. 10 How then was it counted to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised. 11 He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well, 12 and to make him the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised. 13 For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith...16 That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring – not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all. (ESV)

Amplified: Therefore, inheriting the promise is the outcome of faith and depends entirely on faith, in order that it might be given as an act of grace (unmerited favor)...

Eph. 2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. (NIV)

11. Faith is not a work done by the person who believes, but a work that is done in the believer – the work of God in His heart that enables him to believe.

Eph 2:10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (NIV)

12. The entire process of salvation – from beginning to end – is within the providence of God.

Ps. 100:3 Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. (ESV)